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are not changing the kind of work they do. We are not changing the allocation of funds. We are not looking to the State of Nebraska for ten cents, not ten cents, but all we are asking for is some statutory legitimation." And I said, "Well, if I do this, will this change any of the existing practices?" And they said, "No". "If I do this, will this take the oversight function away from the Department of Public Welfare?" And they said, "No." I said, "So what we are really doing then is we are simply saying as a Legislature that we at least want to make certain that we have the Community Action Programs recognized statutorily so they can't simply be wiped out by the swipe of a pen through some bureaucratic change". Now yesterday we heard a lot of comments about the bureaucrats and I don't have any big beef against our employees, our administrators, but I think it is important, I think it is important that you and I in dealing with the whole block grant phenomena make certain that we at least legitimate the block grant process. That is all this bill does, a simple bill. I would ask for it to be advanced as amended.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would interrupt to announce that Senator Goll has as his guests under the North balcony, Washington County Republican Women. They are Mrs. Lola Rhea, Kathy Rhea, Mrs. Vesta Thompson, Mrs. Phyllis Drummell (phonetic), and Mrs. Myrtle Richards. If you would stand and be recognized, we could thank you for coming to the Legislature. Thank you, Senator Goll. There is an amendment on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Fenger would move to amend the bill. Senator Fenger's amendment is on page 1565 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Fenger, your amendment...

CLERK: Senator, it reads: "In the Standing Committee amendments on Page 1062, page 2, line 18, after the word "Cooperate" insert "with".

PRESIDENT: Page 1062.

SENATOR FENGER: Thank you. It is a single word addition, after the word "Cooperate" include the word "with" which makes the sentence consistent. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on the amendment? If not, the motion is to adopt the amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Voting on the Fenger amendment to LB 490. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.